

5           voice processing circuitry for automatically interacting with the call, wherein the  
6           switching circuitry and the voice processing circuitry are controlled by not more than one  
7           microprocessor; and

8           circuitry for permitting a user of a telephone coupled to the system to monitor a  
9           voicemail message while the message is being recorded into the user's mailbox.

(15) Please cancel Claims 71 and 73.

#### REMARKS

Claims 1-21, 23-34, 36-37, 40-42, 44-45, 48-60 and 62-73 are pending in the Application.

Claims 1-3, 6, 12-13, 16, 18-20, 24-27, 58-60, 71 and 73 stand rejected.

All other Claims remaining in the Application have either been allowed by the Examiner or would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

#### I. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 1-2 and 71 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In response, Applicants respectfully assert that this rejection is moot in view of the fact that Applicants have canceled claims 1, 2 and 71 without prejudice.

## II. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 71 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Sharma, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,452,289). Since Applicants have canceled claim 71, this rejection is moot. Claim 71 has hereby been canceled without prejudice.

Claims 3, 6, 12-13, 16, 18-20, 24-27, 58-60 and 73 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Daly, et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,274,738). Since these claims have been canceled by Applicants hereby without prejudice, the rejection of these claims is moot.

## III. ALLOWED CLAIMS

Applicants have amended the remaining claims in the Application to be in allowable form as indicated by the Examiner in Paper No. 21. Applicants hereby reserve the right to refile the canceled claims in a continuation application for further prosecution on the merits.

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